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The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is provided in the English abstracts attached to those documents, and/or corresponding U.S. patents.

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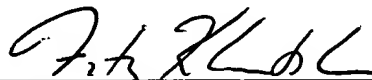
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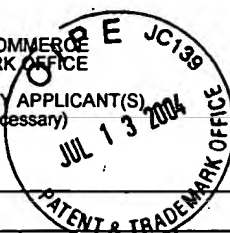
Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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